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 Researchers are invited to contribute articles and books on three Urban Knowledge Network Asia (UKNA) themes. UKNA is a collaborative research project on themes related to Asian cities of the International Institute for Asian Studies in the Netherlands.

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Books will be considered for publication in the new “Asian Cities” series of the International Institute for Asian Studies, under the auspices of Amsterdam University Press. Outputs may also include documentary films, policy papers, blogs, and other projects. Selected researchers may be invited to participate in UKNA events. Past events have included Roundtable discussions, involving academics and practitioners, in the Netherlands, Taipei, Singapore and Macau on urban heritage and urban regeneration policies and case studies.

The [Urban Knowledge Network Asia](#) (UKNA) is an inclusive network that brings together concerned scholars and practitioners engaged in collaborative research on cities in Asia. The overall objective of UKNA is to produce innovative scholarship and other work that contributes to *human flourishing* in Asian cities. It seeks to influence policy by contributing insights that put people at the center of urban governance and development strategies. UKNA research activities revolve around three substantive themes:

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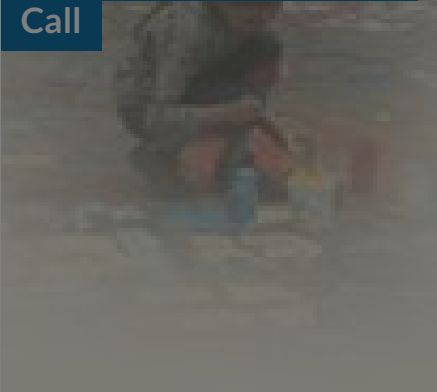
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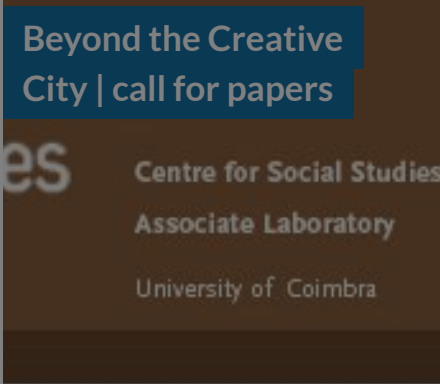
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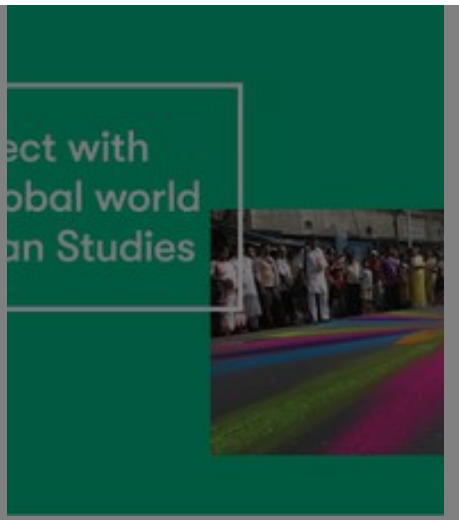
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